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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OPERATING RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT 2127

REF: (A) STATE 258670 (DTG 192030Z OCT 87) (B) ADOD LTR 73/437,
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1. EMB OFFICIALS HAVE MET REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEPARTMENTS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE TO INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY OF APPROVAL FOR OPERATING RIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT 2127. GOA HAS GRANTED APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL PROVIDING FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED BY BOTH SIDES.

2. GENERAL GOA POLICY IS TO ACCEPT TESTS OF THIS NATURE FOR AS LONG AS WOOMERA RANGE IS SUITABLE FOR THIS USE. APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENTATION, MANPOWER AND FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL EARLY 1979. HOWEVER, DUE TO JOINT USE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UK, INFORMATION GAINED FROM PROJECT 2127 PROGRAM MAY HAVE TO BE SHARED WITH THESE NATIONS. COST ASSOCIATED WITH RANGE USE MUST BE NEGOTIATED.

3. THE AVAILABILITY OF LAUNCHERS AT WOOMERA MAY BE A PROBLEM. TWO HISTAR LAUNCHERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE RANGE AND PLACED IN STORAGE. HOWEVER, THE SOUNDING ROCKET
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DIVISION, GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER INTENDS TO USE

WOOMERA IN FEB 1977 FOR AEROBEE. RAIL LAUNCHERS ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS PROGRAM AND NASA MAY LEAVE THE LAUNCHERS AT WOOMERA IF THEY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO YOUR PROGRAM. RECOMMEND CONTACT WITH MR. M.R. WINDSOR TO DETERMINE LAUNCHER AVAILABILITY.

4. VISITS TO ADOD AND WRE IN DEC. '76 MAY BE PREMATURE UNLESS LAUNCHER SITUATION IS CLEARLY DEFINED. WOOMERA WILL BE CLOSED FROM 17 DEC TO 17 JAN '77. ADOD/WRE HAS SUGGESTED VISIT TO BE SLIPPED TO LAST WEEK IN JAN. OR EARLY FEB. '77. SUFFICIENT TIME APPEARS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS, REQ. INVESTIGATION AND NEGOTIATION PRIOR TO THE FIRST PROGRAMMED SHOT IN APRIL '78.
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